

## Message Text

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FOR OPIC; AID NE/CD

E. O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EINV  
SUBJECT: KAJAKAI POWER PLANT CLAIM

REF: KABUL 6338

1. DURING MEETING WITH WATER AND POWER MINISTER MOHAMMADI SEPTEMBER 17 ON IEKO PROBLEM, CHARGE RAISED MATTER OF SUBJECT CLAIM. CHARGE SAID WE HAD JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT FISCH-BACH-OMAN REPRESENTATIVE BILL HUTSON WAS EXPECTED HERE IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO, HOPING TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MINISTRY. CHARGE SAID WE WERE INFORMED THAT IF NO SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED, FOI PLANNED TO SUBMIT ITS CLAIM TO OPIC ON SEPTEMBER 22. MINISTER MOHAMMADI SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET MR. HUTSON TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND WAS HOPEFUL THAT A SETTLEMENT SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES COULD BE REACHED.

2. CHARGE POINTED OUT, AS HE HAD DONE EARLIER IN THE MEETING RESPECTING THE IEKO PROBLEM, THAT ALL PAYMENTS TO FOI WOULD COME FROM THE AID LOAN WHICH HAD A TWO-THIRDS GRANT ELEMENT; CONSEQUENTLY, THE REAL COST TO THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WAS NO MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE AMOUNT. THE MINISTER SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE GRANT ELEMENT, GIVEN THE LENGTH OF THE LOAN AND THE LOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEREST, BUT WISHED ALSO TO POINT OUT THAT SINCE IT WAS A TIED LOAN THERE WAS ALSO AN ELEMENT OF HIGHER COSTS SINCE THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN COMPELLED TO BUY ONLY AMERICAN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MINISTER MOHAMMADI WAS AS COURTEOUS AS EVER AND SEEMINGLY ANXIOUS TO ACHIEVE A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY

SETTLEMENT, WE ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER -- IN VIEW OF THE LETTER SENT BY THE MINISTER PER REFTEL -- WHETHER THE MINISTRY IS IN FACT WILLING TO ACCEPT EVEN PART OF THE REMAINING CLAIM.

4. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

DECONTROL 10/1/78  
AMSTUTZ

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